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**SUBJ: AFGHAN REFUGEES IN MWFP**

1. AS OF LAST WEEK, 342,076 AFGHANS HAD REGISTERED AS REFUGEES IN NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP), ACCORDING TO REFUGEE COMMISSIONER SHANSHER ALI KHAN. I CALLED ON SHANSHER ON JAN 8 FOR PERIODIC UPDATE ON SITUATION AND ON KOMAT DC JAN. 10 IN ADDITION; I HAVE RECENTLY TALKED WITH SEVERAL NEWSMEN ABOUT SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER, THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REFUGEES IN NWFP SINCE CHRISTMAS SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. MY OWN OBSERVATIONS AND THOSE OF SEVERAL OTHER SOURCES TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE SHAMSHER'S ASSERTION. THIS IS PROBABLY BECAUSE MOST REFUGEES ARE FLEEING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THEIR IMMEDIATE AREAS. SINCE CHRISTMAS, THERE APPEAR TO HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS IN THE BORDER AREA, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SCATTERED FIGHTING.

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**3. COMMISSIONER SHAMSHER SAID THE INCREASE IN REFUGEE**

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NUMBERS SINCE OUR LAST MEETING REPRESENTS PRIMARILY LATE REGISTRATION OF REFUGEES WHO POURED INTO NWFP IN WAKE OF AFGHAN ARMY ARMORED OPERATIONS IN PAKTIA PROVINCE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. NORMALLY, SEVERAL WEEKS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE NEW REFUGEES SHOW UP AS NUMBERS ON PAK CHARTS. PRESENTLY, SHAMSER ESTIMATES THAT 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF REFUGEES REMAIN UNREGISTERED, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER IN THE PROVINCE TO ABOUT 400,000. HE EXPECTS THAT THE NUMBER WILL PASS 500,000 THIS WINTER, AS A "CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE". IF RUSSIA AND/OR AFGHAN TROOPS RESUME OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENTS.

4. DRAMATIC INCREASE IN REFUGEES NECESSITATES ALMOST WEEKLY REVISION OF ALL GOP PROGRAMS ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER. UNHCR AND WFP PROGRAMS, WHICH ARE JUST GETTING OFF GROUND, AND PREDICATED ON 100,000 REFUGEES IN PROVINCE. THUS THOSE PROGRAMS WILL NEED SUBSTANTIAL AUGMENTATION IF THEY ARE TO BEGIN TO MEET NEEDS. AS IT IS, COMMISSIONER SHAMSER EXPECTS FIRST TRANCHE OF UNHCR FUNDS THIS WEEK. WFP FOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED TO DISTRIBUTION POINTS WHERE IT WILL BE DOLED OUT BEGINNING JANUARY 16.

5. SHELTER REMAINS A MAJOR PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO SHAMSER. ON BASIS OF 5 PERSONS PER TENT, HALF A MILLION REFUGEES COULD REQUIRE 100,000 TENTS. TO DATE, GOVERNMENT HAS DISTRIBUTED ABOUT 10,000. ABOUT 2 OR 3 THOUSAND MORE ARE IN PIPELINE. APPROXIMATELY 9,000 WILL BE FUNDED BY UNHCR FIRST TRANCHE. FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS KUWAIT AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROVIDE A FEW THOUSAND MORE, BUT THE GAP REMAINS SIGNIFICANT. PAKS ARE PROCURING MOST TENTS LOCALLY, BUT SUPPLIERS

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CAPABILITIES ARE LIMITED. SHAMSER THINKS IT UNLIKELY IF LOCALS CAN PRODUCE MORE THAN 2,000 PER WEEK, EVEN IF FUNDS CAN BE FOUND TO PAY FOR THEM. IF SUFFICIENT TENTS ARRIVABLE BEFORE COLD WEATHER ENDS IN MARCH, SHAMSER THINKS MANY MUST COME FROM ABROAD.

6. OTHER PRESSING REFUGEE NEEDS ARE FOR WARM CLOTHING AND MEDICAL FACILITIES, ACCORDING TO COMMISSIONER. IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, WE MIGHT PROVIDE CLOTHING, MEDICINE, AND MOBILE CLINICS.

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AS WELL AS TENTS, HE SAID. COMMENT: CLEARLY, MANY REFUGEES LACK ADEQUATE CLOTHING AND LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE HARD PRESSED TO CARE FOR THEIR NEEDS. SEVERAL LOCAL PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING BRIGADIER NAHAB KHAN, HEAD OF THE KHYBER TEACHING HOSPITAL WHICH TREATS THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES, HAVE EMPHASIZED THE SHORTAGE OF MEDICINE. CURRENTLY, A FRENCH ORGANIZATION, MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERS IS SURVEYING THE REFUGEES' MEDICAL NEEDS.

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7. IN KOWAT, AS IN ALL DISTRICTS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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8. AFTER LEAVING KOHAT, I DROVE TO THAL, JUST

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OUTSIDE KUNHON AGENCY. ROAD LIES IN MIDDLE OF VALLEY OF VARYING WIDTH. SCATTERED AT INTERVALS THROUGH THE VALLEY ARE ABOUT THIRTY SMALL REFUGEE ENCAMPMENTS OF FROM TEN TO FIFTY SHELTERS EACH. MOST SHELTERS ARE TENTS, BUT SOME ARE MADE FROM BRUSH AND STRAW. THE STEREOTYPED PATTERN OF THE HUTS SUGGESTS THAT THE FORM IS REGULARLY UTILIZED AS TEMPORARY SHELTER, AT LEAST BY SOME TRIBES. THROUGH BINOCULARS, I COULD SEE NO INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT SHELTER. MANY REFUGEES WERE EMPLOYED AS LABORERS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

9. SINCE THE CHRISTMAS INVASION, JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO PESHAWAR IN DROVES. MANY HAVE RECENTLY VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. I SEE MOST JOURNALISTS, AND HAVE ASKED HOW THEY ASSESS LOCAL SITUATION AS COMPARED TO SEA. WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION, ALL SAY THAT AFGHAN REFUGEES FLIGHT IS MUCH LESS DESPERATE. MOST AGREE WITH ARCHARD MISERY SCALE ASSESSMENT THAT IF WE PUT CAMBODIANS AT 10, THEN AFGHANS BELONG AT 3 OR 4.

10. CURRENT BREAKDOWN OF REFUGEES BY LOCATION AS FOLLOWS:

DISTRICTS: CHITRAL (INCLUDES CHITRAL CAMP) - 7157

DIR - 5,649

PESHAWAR - 52,866

DERA ISMAIL KHAN - 4,329

KOHAT - 31,320

BANNU - 8,512

MARDAN - 6,616

POLITICAL AGENCIES: BAJAUR - 25,908

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NOHMAND - 3,005

KHYBER - 2,264

KURRUM - 69,957

NORTH WAZIRISTAN - 101,342

SOUTH WAZIRISTAN - 16,952

CAMPS: WAREAH - 1,768

GANDAP - 1,951

DARGAI - 1,485

11. NWFP REFUGEE NUMBERS PER MONTH FOR 1979 AS FOLLOWS:

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APRIL - DECEMBER - 18,041  
JANUARY - 18,329  
FEBRUARY - 18,399  
MARCH - 23,942  
APRIL - 42,390  
MAY - 54,616  
JUNE - 74,171  
JULY - 100,742  
AUGUST - 140,217  
SEPTEMBER - 152,476  
OCTOBER - 181,826  
NOVEMBER - 272,049  
DECEMBER - 297,052  
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